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PSC Issues Draft Strategic Energy Assessment For Public Comment

MADISON – Today the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) issued a draft of Energy 2012, Wisconsin's Strategic Energy Assessment and is looking for public input on the draft report.

The PSC prepares a strategic energy assessment every two years to evaluate the state's current and future energy demands, how those demands will be met and the reliability of the electrical system over the next seven years. The report is based on data collected late in 2005 from Wisconsin utilities and power cooperatives.

The PSC is looking for the public and energy stakeholders to comment on the draft report before September 6th. Comments will be included in the final Energy 2012 which will be issued early this fall. Comments can be provided in the following ways:

- At the public hearing scheduled for July 26th starting at 9:00 a.m. at the PSC, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison;
- Electronically at the PSC website (<http://psc.wi.gov/>) by clicking on the "Public Comments" button on the left side of the webpage; or
- By letter addressed to Docket # 5-ES-103, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

Energy 2012 estimates that overall demand for electricity will continue to grow by approximately two percent each year through 2012. Wisconsin would have to build a new power plant every two years if it was to meet growing demand through construction alone.

The report also points to the new Energy Efficiency and Renewables law recently signed by Governor Doyle (2005 Wis. Act 141) and notes that strides made in energy conservation and efficiency impact the number of power plants that will need to be built in the future.

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Energy 2012 makes several other conclusions:

- Wisconsin's electric system reliability is much better now than it has been in the recent past thanks to major energy infrastructure investments.
- Wisconsin will need to continue to focus on transmission improvements. Of the 24 constrained transmission areas in the multi-state region covered by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO), 12 of those constrained transmission areas are in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula.
- It is difficult to compare Wisconsin electric rates to other states' rates because many states have had legislatively-imposed rate freezes.

The draft report, Energy 2012, Wisconsin's Strategic Energy Assessment, can be found on the PSC website at http://psc.wi.gov/apps/erf_share/view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=55441.

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